



Weekly Information & Communication



February 16, 2016

Montana Association of WIC Agencies (MAWA) Announcements

MAWA will be holding a General Meeting during the Spring Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs and has some announcements to share. Information on paying dues, a mini-grant opportunity, and a call for WIC Outstanding Employee nominations is available [here](#). Please contact [Gayle](#) or [Arwyn](#) for more information.

Reports Available

[Breastfeeding Peer Counselor January 2016](#), [Feb 15-Jan16 Participation](#), [Benefits Issued and Redeemed Dec 2015](#)

January 2016 Booklets

We apologize for the delay but new booklets should be in clinics or arriving shortly. Please recycle/toss the old booklets and start handing out new booklets to all participants. If you have any questions, please contact KAughney@mt.gov or LSteinle@mt.gov.

Forms Order

If you need any new forms ordered, please use the form on the [website](#). Either email or fax the order form to Kelly at KAughney@mt.gov or 406-444-0239.

Participant Training Video

There is a new Participant Training YouTube Video on the [Website](#) under the tab, Program Booklet and Participant Training. We are also making it available in DVD format. If you want to receive the Mp4 to download for your clinic, please email Kelly at KAughney@mt.gov.

Updated Website Page

There is a new website page called [Prescriptions & Medicaid Information](#). This page will give you the flow chart and referral sheet for Medicaid, directions for ordering medical formula from the state, prescription forms, and the state ordered medical formula receipt.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 342](#) Gastrointestinal Disorders is defined as disease(s) and/or condition(s) that interferes with the intake or absorption of nutrients.

The diseases and/or conditions include, but are not limited to:

- GERD
- Post-bariatric surgery
- Inflammatory bowel disease, including ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease
- Pancreatitis
- Peptic ulcer
- Short Bowel syndrome

Presence of gastrointestinal disorders must be diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders.

Cascade County WIC Outreach

As part of a pilot program, Great Falls was able to bring a web based referral system to Cascade County WIC last year. WIC staff have been trained on the web based system Nov. 24th, and are now able to receive direct referrals from other agencies. When a nutrition support/breastfeeding or home visiting referral comes to their clinic, it's reviewed and assigned to the most appropriate staff member. This is a fairly new process, and the staff at the Great Falls WIC Clinic has provided a great service to their participants, especially for breastfeeding moms.

IT POP Quiz for January 2016

January Question: What is the best way to make sure that a breastfeeding mother receives her benefits during the month the infant turns one year old?

Answer: Issue the mother's benefits before updating the infant. Changes to the infant breastfeeding status may cause the mother to be terminated and lose the benefits for the month the infant turns one. Congratulation to Leslie McKittrick of the Bozeman Agency for having the correct answer to last month's IT POP Quiz.

IT POP Quiz for February 2016

February Question: How can you tell who is logged into Spirit on your computer?

Rather than having the Helpdesk call your Clinic and possibly causing an interruption. Please email your answers to hhswhc@mt.gov

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